

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 31, 2014.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Timothy
John
Gautieri.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating Timothy John Gautieri on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Aaron S.
Rawley.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Aaron S. Rawley on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America; and

Alexander C.
Rawley.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Alexander C. Rawley on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Matewsky of Everett, the resolutions were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Mr. Kocot of Northampton) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

State
Administration
and Regulatory
Oversight
committee,—
extension of
time for
reporting.

Ordered, That notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight be granted until Friday, April 28, 2014, within which to make its final report on current House document numbered 3917.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committees on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Kocot of Northampton) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Id.

Ordered, That notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight be granted until Thursday, May 29, 2014 within which to make its final report on current House documents numbered 2837, 2838, 2843 and 3320.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committees on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to a Massachusetts Boston Strong license plate (House, No. 3664, amended), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2072. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Boston Strong license plate.

Bills

Authorizing the temporary use of certain park lands in the city of Newton (Senate, No. 1991) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and Newton,— park lands.

To create an annual Service and Volunteerism Day (Senate, No. 2071) (on Senate bill No. 1563); Service and Volunteerism Day.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2066) of Richard T. Moore and Kevin J. Kuros (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the charter of the town of Bellingham, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. Bellingham,— charter.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill to protect children and adults from wildlife (House, No. 1976). Trapping,— emergency permits.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill to promote responsible contracting on state construction projects (House, No. 2792). Construction contracts.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to students serving in the military (House, No. 1075). Students in the military.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a joint petition, a Bill to establish a municipal record preservation commission (House, No. 2835). Municipal records,— preservation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve establishing a special commission to conduct an investigation and study relative to permitting advertising on state websites (House, No. 2890). State websites,— advertising.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Piggeries,—
regulation.

By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill to ensure appropriate regulation of piggeries (House, No. 686).

Waste
management,—
hierarchy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve relative to establishing a comprehensive waste management [sic] hierarchy in Massachusetts (House, No. 719).

Trapping,—
regulate.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill conserving our natural resources (House, No. 750).

Coastal
watersheds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to nitrogen impaired embayments (House, No. 799).

Sudbury
watershed.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Sudbury watershed advisory committee (House, No. 3234).

Higher
education
matching
grants.

By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts higher education matching grants program (House, No. 1083, changed in lines 40 and 41 by striking out the following: “or which have received funds pursuant to section 2 of chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012”).

Higher
education,—
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1080, a Bill securing access to higher education for people with intellectual disabilities and autism spectrum disorders (House, No. 3995).

Surplus
vehicles.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relative to the enhanced disposition of surplus motor vehicles owned by the Commonwealth or authorities established by the state (House, No. 2775).

Disabled,—
employment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to employment of persons with disabilities (House, No. 2793).

Financial
interest
statements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the electronic filing of and public access to statements of financial interests (House, No. 2800).

Social
enterprises.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote purchasing from social enterprises by governmental bodies (House, No. 2806).

Procurement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill modernizing uniform procurement thresholds [sic] (House, No. 2841).

Designers,—
mandates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to thresholds for mandated use of the designer selection law (House, No. 2847).

Wood
products,—
procurement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect tropical forests by restricting state purchases of certain wood products (House, No. 2871).

Public
records.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to records open to public inspection (House, No. 2876).

Business
entities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a business entity (House, No. 2877).

Landscape
sprinklers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to landscape sprinkler systems (House, No. 2879).

Bonds,—
indemnity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill exempting owners from providing an indemnity for certain lost or stolen registered bonds (House, No. 2884).

Severally, read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill relative to farmers' markets (House, No. 3745).

Farmers' markets.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to a certain parcel of land in the town of Stow (House, No. 3935) [Local Approval Received].

Stow,—land.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill designating Cyrus E. Dallin as the official sculptor of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2812).

Cyrus E. Dallin,—official sculptor.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to designate Narcolepsy Awareness Day (House, No. 2814).

Narcolepsy Awareness day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating the gingham as the official textile of Massachusetts (House, No. 2862).

Gingham,—official textile.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill officially making the month of March Multiple System Atrophy awareness month (House, No. 2865).

Multiple System Atrophy awareness.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill making amendments to the Massachusetts Business Corporation Act (House, No. 2878).

Business Corporation Act.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the flying of the flag of the Commonwealth at half staff on state buildings and installations (House, No. 2891).

State flag,—half staff.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the annual observance of Green Up Day (House, No. 2895).

Green Up Day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating Rex Trailer as the official cowboy of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2905).

Rex Trailer,—official cowboy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill designating the song "Roadrunner" as the official rock song of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3573).

Roadrunner,—official rock song.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Relative to the compliance of condominium associations (Senate, No. 621);

Condominiums.

To provide for sewer commissioners in the town of Wareham (Senate, No. 1856) [Local Approval Received];

Wareham.

Exempting certain positions in the police department of the town of Sandwich from the civil service law (Senate, No. 1964) [Local Approval Received];

Sandwich.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Andover as the Andover Veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars Memorial Bridge (Senate, No. 1967);

Andover,—bridge.

Authorizing the town of Oakham to continue the employment of fire chief Thomas Snay (Senate, No. 1999) [Local Approval Received]; and

Oakham,—Thomas Snay.

- UMass,—
police. Relative to the University of Massachusetts police department (Senate, No. 2045); and
House bills
- Animal
care. To ensure adequate care of animals in cities and towns (House, No. 1852, changed);
- Abandoned
property. Relative to vacant and abandoned property in the Commonwealth (House, No. 1869);
- Deaths. Relative to death certificates (House, No. 1989);
- Property
tax relief. Relative to broadened eligibility for relief from disproportionate property tax burdens (House, No. 2627);
- Newton,—
ballot. Relative to advisory questions on ballots in the city of Newton (House, No. 3457) [Local Approval Received];
- Brookline,—
air rights. Authorizing the lease of air rights over a portion of a municipal off-street parking area - rear of the property located at 280-290 Harvard Street (House, No. 3863) [Local Approval Received];
- New Bedford,—
harbormaster. Relative to the harbormaster in the city of New Bedford (House, No. 3896) [Local Approval Received];
- Duxbury,—
land. Relative to certain conservation land in the town of Duxbury (House, No. 3902) [Local Approval Received];
- Energy. Relative to the distributed generation contracts (House, No. 3925); and
- Resource
efficiency. Relative to expanding resource efficiency in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3950);
Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Engrossed Bill.

- Bill
enacted. The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Revere as the Rita Singer Bridge (see House, No. 3649) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

- Beverly,—
liquor
licenses. The Senate amendments to the House Bill authorizing the city of Beverly to issue additional liquor licenses (House, No. 3739), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were adopted, in concurrence.

Senate bills

- Third
reading
bills. Authorizing the town of Webster to issue 1 additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises of 41 Worcester road (Senate, No. 1989); and
Establishing a sick leave for Cynthia Salsman, an employee of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 2029);
Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

House bills

Relative to title protection (House, No. 175);

Designating Ms. G of the Massachusetts Audubon Society as the official groundhog of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2864) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the appointment of Billy Ray Hawkins, Jr. as a firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 3228) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Authorizing the appointment of Scott Bradish as a firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 3487);

Authorizing the appointment of Scott Marchand as a firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 3807); and

Relative to the charter of the city of Somerville (House, No. 3919);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.